

WEATHER.
Fair—Generally fair tonight
Saturday preceded by snow
afternoon colder tonight
in east portion Saturday.

Fiftieth Year—No. 346

REPARATIONS' VIEWS CLASH, BREAKUP LOOMING FRANCIST CUTS MADE IN ARMY APPROPRIATION

FRANCIST MEET WITH HARDING'S WISHES, CLAIM

Bill Passes, Army Must Be
Cut to 150,000 Men.
Is View

MILITARY LIVING TOO
HIGH" CHAIRMAN SAYS
Provision Made for
Student Volunteer Corps;
Civilian Training

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Framed
for a force of 150,000 reg-
ular army, the army appropriation bill, re-
ported to the house today, carried a
total of \$225,561,123, a reduction of
\$197,242 from current appropri-
ation. The war department had asked
for \$225,561,123.

The Philippine Scouts, numbering
6,300 men, 2,500 living cadets
and 14,400 commissioned officers, are
included in the 150,000 total.
Reduction in the army, the commit-
tee report said, was proposed with a
view to early withdrawal of Americans
from the Philippines.

Chairman Anthony, of the ap-
propriations committee, told the house
that the present plan of the war de-
partment to maintain nine divisions in
the Philippines during the war was un-
necessary waste and expense.

ECONOMIES FOR GUARD.
While the committee has greatly
reduced those appropriations which
pay some of the more expensive
branches of the national guard, "the
war bill," it believes that if the
department will follow a policy
of reducing the growth of the na-
tional guard along the most economic
and efficient lines, the war de-
partment will not increase the effi-
ciency of the guard, but will aid in
the economy and expansion."

HARDING APPROVES.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(By The
Associated Press.)—President Harding
made in the annual army appropri-
ation bill for an army of only 150,000
men, the suggestion of President
Harding, Representative Anthony
Kane, chairman of the house ap-
propriations subcommittee, said in
announcing that the bill was ready to
be reported.

The proposed army of 150,000 which
includes the present army of
115,000 and with the army pro-
posed in 1919 to 21,021 in 1920.
The bill, which was introduced
by Mr. Anthony, expressed the
view that an army of 150,000 together
with the reserves, national guard and
militia, would provide sufficient
forces to establish during peace
the most drastic cut, Chairman
Anthony said, was in the amount pro-
posed for pay of civilian employees.
The bill, he said, would mean
a reduction of one-half and mean the dis-
missal of 20,000 to 30,000.

REDUCTION IN CONSTRUCTION.
All construction would be
reduced, and keeping within its pro-
visions Mr. Anthony said, would mean
that the war department must dispose
of at least half of the present army.

The committee, he said, felt that
the American troops
should be withdrawn in a few months
and that the influence in the fran-
cophone world should be maintained
by the army. The committee
estimated that the expenses of
maintaining the troops on the Rhine
last year amounted to \$270,000,
of which Germany had paid
\$150,000.

MUST SELL TRUCKS.
The bill would direct the war de-
partment to sell 10,000 of its 40,000
surplus motor trucks and 20,000 of
its surplus horses and mules.
Mr. Anthony said, were found
that the government \$20,000,
a year.

The air service would get \$13,200,
of which \$4,000,000 is for new pro-
cessing several airplanes of a new
type, carrying 75 men, guns would be
approximately \$1,500,000.
The bill would direct the war de-
partment to provide a supply of
chemical warfare tanks capable of
carrying 100 men, and the appropria-
tion for the tank corps con-
tained in the bill.

CIVILIAN TRAINING.
Provision was made for the
student volunteer training corps. The
bill provides for one civilian train-
ing area in each of the nine army
districts, in which 30,000 men can
be trained. These camps will be held
for a period of two weeks
each, during which period, Mr. Anthony
said, that liberal provision

EXEMPT NEW HOMES FROM TAXES, PLAN TO ENCOURAGE BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Tax exemption for all
new dwellings for a period of at least fifteen years as a
means of stimulating building, was advocated by Lawson
Purdy, former president of the New York City board of
taxes and exemptions, in an address here today before the
housing conference called by the chamber of commerce of
the United States. Such an exemption would be a substan-
tial inducement to builders, Mr. Purdy said, adding that it
was fully warranted to the present housing shortage.

Remission of taxes on new construction could not be
considered a discrimination against owners of existing prop-
erty, Mr. Purdy declared, in view of the fact that construc-
tion costs are above normal.

Expansion of private building association operations
throughout the country as a means of increasing opportuni-
ties for home building was advocated by K. V. Haymaker,
former financial adviser of the United States housing cor-
poration. He advocated establishment of the proposed
federal home loan banks to provide a greater source of
credit for home builders.

VOTE ON COAL REGULATION TO BE ASKED SOON

Fuel Trade Unanimous in Its
Opposition to Calder
Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Proponents
of the Calder bill providing for
the federal regulation of the
coal industry and even operation of
the mines, plan to seek a vote in the
senate on the measure before the pres-
ent session ends March 4.

It is still in the hands of the coal
industry, which has held extensive hear-
ings, but committee members familiar
with the views of their colleagues said
today it would be reported out Monday
or Tuesday.

Some modification of certain provi-
sions is expected and it was said there
would be a minority report opposing
the system.

The expected modification would
apply to taxation provision designed by
the author to keep tolls on men and
breakers out of coal dealings.

Chairman LaFollette, of the com-
mittee, served notice on representative of
the coal trade, whose opposition has
been unanimous, that no more testi-
mony would be taken after Saturday.
Night sessions will be held, however,
to clear by that time.

CENSUS REVEALS 109,274 JAPANESE IN HAWAII

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Jap-
anese population of Hawaii in 1920
was 109,274 out of the total population
of 255,312 and represented an increase
for that race of about 33 per cent
since 1910, the census bureau an-
nounced today.

The only race which showed a great-
er increase in Hawaii than the Japane-
se was the Filipino with an increase
from 2,261 in 1910 to 21,021 in 1920.

The native Hawaiian people de-
creased in the last decade from 26,941
to 22,723.

JAZZ FOR DANCE SENT OVER WIRELESS 'PHONE

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Jan. 28.—The
wireless telephone may yet become a
competitor of the jazz orchestra, ac-
cording to Robert Karlowa, who oper-
ates a radio station in this city. One
night this week, he states, students of
Iowa university tottered to music trans-
mitted from the local station.
The music was placed on a phonograph
here and was made audible to the
Iowa city dancers by a large horn pro-
vided for the purpose of receiving musical
selections.

POLICE FIGHT WAY TO HEAVILY GUARDED STILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Fighting
their way into a fifth floor tenement
room in City Hall place early today,
police discovered an elaborately equip-
ped moonshine still, a rack of shot-
guns and many rounds of ammuni-
tion.

When the police broke down the
door they were attacked by three men.
The three were subdued after a 30-
minute fight, and arrested charged
with operating a still in violation of
the liquor law.

CITY TREASURER HAMMERS HEAD TO HIDE CRIME

After Telling Plausible Story
of Bandits Official Later
Confesses

WORRY OVER ELECTION
BLAMED FOR ACTIONS

Defeated Democrat in Har-
ding's Home Town Victim
of Hard Luck

MARION, O., Jan. 28.—Treasurer
Harry C. Fory, of Marion county, who
reported Wednesday morning that he
had been robbed of \$14,361 by two
bandits who knocked him unconscious
in his office in the courthouse, was
placed under arrest early today and
confessed to the theft of the money.
Police announced today.

The arrest came almost immedi-
ately after the birth of a fourth baby in
the Fory household. Fory is 35
years old, a Democrat, non-in-law of
State Representative H. W. Cookston
and was defeated in November for re-
election.

In his confession, according to the
authorities, Fory who was found sup-
posedly unconscious on the floor of
the treasurer's office Wednesday, ad-
mitted that he scratched his face and
struck himself on the head with a
hammer to make the story of an as-
sault by two bandits seem plausible.
He said he had taken the money home
the night before and hidden it in a
chest.

Fory, in his signed confession, said
he went deeply into debt last fall dur-
ing his campaign for re-election and
had heavily mortgaged two houses he
owned. He confessed that he was
nervous and became depressed, with worry
over his financial obligations and his
defeat for re-election.

WHOLESALE FRAUDS IN GREEK PASSPORTS BARED

ATHENS, Jan. 27.—(By The Associated
Press.)—Wholesale frauds in
passports carried on by Greek sub-
jects emigrating to the United States
have been discovered by W. L. Lowry,
American consul-general here. More
than fifty passports were submitted at
the consulate today and twenty-five
were found to bear forged signatures
and false seals of the Greek foreign
office.

It has been found that a small clique
of Greeks has carried on a traffic in
bogus passports, their clients being
youths wishing to evade military ser-
vice, and others desiring to go to Am-
erica. In one case 3,000 drachmas,
normally about \$60, was paid for one
of these documents. Greek authorities
are making a thorough investigation,
and have made several arrests.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN GOES TO DEATH OVER NIAGARA

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 28.—An
unidentified man is reported to
have jumped in the water above the
falls at 2:15 o'clock this morning and
was swept to death over the American
brink.

The man talked to a reservation of-
ficer, S. W. Rhodes, just a few minutes
before he made the leap. He told
Rhodes he was from Cleveland, O.,
and that he had come to the park to
take a farewell look before leaving
for Cleveland.

Rhodes later was attracted by a
shout and turned to see the man on
the railing.
"Goodbye," he shouted to Rhodes,
and disappeared over the edge. Rhod-
es later started a search for the body
in the river below the falls.

GREAT AIRSHIP DAMAGED BUT MAKES PORT SAFELY

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Airship R-34
was damaged while making a landing
on the Yorkshire coast at 2 o'clock
this morning, and for a time was un-
manageable, drifting on to sea.

Naval destroyers were sent out to
find the craft and there was some
anxiety over the plight of the giant
dirigible, which in July, 1919, made
a voyage to America from England.

Shortly after 11 o'clock, it was of-
ficially announced, however, that the
airship was only partially disabled and
was returning to her base. At that
time it was reported that the airship
None of her crew was injured, it was
stated.

GREEK PRINCE TO MARRY ELIZABETH OF RUMANIA

ATHENS, Jan. 27.—Prince George,
of Greece, and Princess Elizabeth,
of Rumania, will be married at Buch-
arest between February 10 and Febru-
ary 15, according to present plans.
King Constantine will be represented
by Prince and Princess Nicholas,
of Greece, who will leave here on Feb-
ruary 1.

After the ceremony, the royal pair,
accompanied by Princess Marie,
of Rumania, will return to Athens for
the marriage of Prince Carol, of Ru-
mania, and Princess Helen, of Greece,
which will take place late in Febru-
ary. King Ferdinand, of Rumania,
will not attend the ceremony.

\$2500 REWARD FOR RETURN OF KIDNAPED WIFE

Los Angeles Police Believe
Some Acquaintance Respon-
sible for Disappearance

ONE LETTER DEMANDS
\$50,000 FOR RANSOM

Another Calls for Only \$20,-
000; This Is Believed
Authentic Request

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28.—Rewards
offered for information as to the
whereabouts of Mrs. Gladys Withersell,
22-year-old wife of O. S. Withersell,
president of a loan and investment
company, who disappeared Tuesday
night from her home here, today
amounted to more than \$2,500.

Of that amount \$2,000 were offered
by her husband; \$1,000 by her father,
John C. Klatz; \$500 by a Los Angeles
newspaper and \$500 by neighbors of
the Withersells.

Following the theory that the young
woman's absence is caused by force,
the police and private detectives are
on the alert for possible kidnappers.

WIFE BEGS FOR HELP.
The police view with skepticism a
demand for a ransom of \$50,000 made
in a note said to have been slipped
under the Withersell door, but say they
consider authentic a previous demand
for a lesser sum, said to be \$20,000.

Failure to pay, it was said, would
lead to the death of Mrs. Withersell.
With the demand for the smaller
amount, the officers said, the husband
received a note in his wife's handwrit-
ing, begging for help.

The disappearance Tuesday of Mrs.
Gladys Withersell, wife of O. S. With-
ersell, president of a loan and invest-
ment company, followed by demands
for ransom money, was attributed by
detectives investigating the case to
"some one completely familiar with
the habits of the Withersell household."

RUN DOWN CLUES.

This statement followed a day of
running down clues which led to a
broken point with a radius of
100 miles outside of Los Angeles.

Neighbors of the Withersells reported
Mrs. Withersell left home in an au-
tomobile with a man who told her a
person injured in an accident asked
her to be his nurse. Today it was
stated a demand for ransom had been
made and that Mrs. Withersell had
made a personal appeal for succor.

Later demand for \$50,000 ransom had
been made under the door of the
Withersell home.

ANOTHER LETTER.

At the police detective bureau it
was said investigation was being made
of the possibility of some former
friend or acquaintance of the With-
ersell family having been involved in
the disappearance.

The second demand in the form of a
typewritten note, slipped under the
door, read as follows:

"Mr. Withersell—Your wife is safe.
Don't worry until you hear from me.
Have \$50,000 cash ready for me as
you will hear from me again soon.
Don't notify police or detectives or all
will be lost."

The police declined to give details
of the first communication.

SUGAR DEALERS 'UNLOAD' REGARDLESS OF PRICES

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Return of
the open competitive market in sugar
was forecast by sugar brokers last
night as a result of a new selling policy
for refined sugar, announced in a
statement by Arturke Brothers.

The statement follows:
"We are staunch believers in a one-
price selling system, but owing to char-
acteristic conditions in the sale and distri-
bution of refined sugar, we will from
day to day, sell our daily production
at prices and upon such terms and con-
ditions, in our opinion, may warrant
drastic action to hold our regular
trade."

This was taken by brokers to mean
that dealers who heretofore adhered
to the general selling policy are begin-
ning to "unload" independently.
The number of sugar refineries an-
nounced this week to 75 cents a
pound wholesale.

TURKS TO MEET ALLIES ON REVISION OF TREATY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 28.—Ac-
ceptance of the invitation from the sup-
reme allied council to send Turkish
representatives to a conference in
London beginning February 21, at
which a revision of the Sevres treaty
will be considered, was announced by
the Turkish government today. In its
reply, the government promised to
transmit a most urgent invitation to
Angora, asking Mustafa Kemal
Pasha, or some other representative
of the Turkish Nationalist government
to participate in the conference.

BUSINESS TO BE NORMAL BY MAY EXPERT ASSERTS

ROSTON, Jan. 28.—A return to
normal business conditions by April
or May was predicted by Professor
Charles J. Bullock, chairman of the
committee on economic research at
Harvard university in an address
to the Associated Savings Trust
companies of Massachusetts last
night.

"We would have suffered the
worst panic in history," he said,
"but for two factors. For the first
time Europe was our debtor to the
extent of fifteen or twenty billions;
and we had our federal reserve
system. Wholesale prices never fell
so fast nor so far in our history
as now. We now appear to be in
the last phase; liquidation of re-
tail prices and labor."

TOO SICK TO LEAVE BED, MAN BURNS TO DEATH

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—A bed-ridden
man was burned to death,
including two babies who were dropped
from a third story window, and a
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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 28.—A

total of 9,401 illicit stills were
captured and 5,328 arrests were
made during the year 1920 in the
southern prohibition district
which comprises the states of Vir-
ginia, North Carolina, South Caro-
lina, Kentucky and Tennessee, ac-
cording to figures made public to-
day by S. R. Brann, supervising
agent of the district.

Of the arrests Kentucky had
1,132.

Prosecutions, the report said,
resulted in fines aggregating
\$288,585 and imprisonments total-
ing 2,378 months.

Carriers of illicit whisky confis-
cated included 309 automobiles,
eight boats, 68 vehicles, 82 horses
and mules and one house.

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Herbert

Prentiss Crane, Jr., grandson
of the late Richard T. Crane, mil-
lionaire Chicago steel manufactur-
er, was held today by police on
charge of an attempted attack
upon 13-year-old Louise Sturm in
Lincoln park last Wednesday eve-
ning.

Crane, who is 37 years old, was
identified by the Sturm girl, also
by Marie Fisher, her companion
in the park, the police say.

The prisoner strenuously de-
nied the charge today.

"I can prove that I was not in
the park that night," he said.

Crane was held in a cell at a
North side police station after he
had been formally booked.

IRISH SPORTSMAN HELD AFTER RAID ON CASTLE

DUBLIN, Jan. 28.—Baron Dunham
of Dunaham castle, arrested yesterday
when obsolete ammunition was found
in his castle, but who afterwards
was released, was rearrested today and
taken to an unknown destination.

The arrest resulted from the shoot-
ing of game, a portion of which was
sent to England. The baron is said
to have requested and received per-
mission from republican volunteers to
shoot birds on his estate. English
friends to whom he sent the game
returned it, saying they did not want
to eat Sinn Fein birds.

The military, hearing of the incident,
raided Baron Dunham's house, where
they are said to have discovered sev-
eral shotguns and other sporting arms.

EASTERN SHIPBUILDERS FACING CUT IN WAGES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 28.—The
Atlantic coast shipbuilding indus-
try board, representing companies
and workers, announced today that
the union labor group has agreed to
submit to the workers a proposition to
agree upon a wage cut. The cut, if
agreed upon, will affect between 30-
600 and 50,000 men in Atlantic coast
yards.

REPARATION IS BLOCK IN WAY OF AGREEMENT

Conference at Paris Already
Interrupted and May Be
Broken Up

BRAND'S PREDICTION
OF CRISIS COMES TRUE

Lloyd George Lets It Be
Known Projects Are
Unsatisfactory

PARIS, Jan. 28.—(By The Associ-
ated Press.)—The divergence of views
of the members of the allied supreme
council regarding German reparations
caused an interruption of the confer-
ence today, and in some quarters it is
regarded as in danger of breaking up.

OPTIMISM GONE.

The optimistic feeling of this fore-
noon, when the members of the spe-
cial reparations committee appointed
yesterday expressed pleasure with
their progress, was soon dissipated
when the British prime minister, Mr.
Lloyd George, found the projects un-
der discussion by the committee were
entirely unsatisfactory to him. He
sent at once for Premier Brand and
conferred with him for an hour and
a half.

Progress had been reported by the
export committee on German reparations
appointed yesterday by the sup-
reme council, when the committee
adjourned this noon after a two hour
discussion.

BASIS OF DISCUSSION.

The basis of the discussion was the
Belgian proposal, presented by Mr.
Jaspar, Belgian foreign minister, that
Germany be compelled to make annual
reparation payments of six billion gold
marks, as a maximum, and three bil-
lion marks as a minimum. As out-
lined by Mr. Jaspar in a statement
last night his plan would not fix the
number of annual payments but would
leave this to be determined at some
later time.

The Belgian plan, as elaborated by
Mr. Jaspar before the committee this
morning, was presented to Mr. Lloyd
George after the committee had con-
cluded its first session. The French
official viewpoint is that if the British
prime minister agrees to these terms
in principle, the committee this
afternoon will be able to put the dis-
cussion to rest.

Since the lifting of the supreme
council there has been a divergence of
views between Premier Lloyd George
of England and Premier Brand of
France. The French are insisting that
Germany pay to the limit while En-
gland is inclined to be a trifle lenient
in the belief that if Germany is given
some leeway that nation will be able
to regain its industrial strength. She
would thus be in a position to pay
more quickly than if financial burdens
handicap her progress.

In the matter of disarmament
France insists that stringent regula-
tions be applied while England thinks
that Germany is entitled to enough
arms to protect itself from Bolshe-
vism.

France is fearful of a revived and
revenged Germany and so would like
the nation, while England has no
such fears and is looking for com-
mercial advantages as Germany recovers.

NAVAL RESERVISTS FAIL TO CLAIM PAY CHECKS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—More than
600 checks on the national treasury for
retainer pay due naval reservists are
unclaimed at the navy department be-
cause of the failure of the reservists
to keep the department informed of
their correct address, it was announced.

All of the checks were mailed to the
last address received at the depart-
ment and were returned by the postal
authorities.

FRUIT JOBBERS COMBAT ANTI-MIDDLEMAN DRIVE

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Jan.
28.—The Western Fruit Jobbers as-
sociation will spend twelve thousand
dollars this year in a publicity cam-
paign to combat the idea that the mid-
dleman is a useless cog in the econ-
omy and that the jobber is a
greedy profiteer. It was announced
at their annual convention here.

STEEL MILLS IN OHIO RECALL 2,500 WORKERS

WARREN, O., Jan. 28.—The Trum-
bull Steel company, which has been
operating on about a fifty per cent
basis for several months, resumed full
force operations at all of its 34 mills
last night and today. About 2,500 idle
men returned to work.

NEGROES IN ST. LOUIS SHOW LARGEST INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The negro
population of St. Louis, Mo., in 1920,
was 69,053, an increase of 25,849, or
58.3 per cent, the census announced
today. The white population was 702,
764, an increase of 69,726, or 9.4 per
cent, and all others 581.